

Lower Spring Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District

Quarterly (2nd) Meeting May 12th, 2012 Minutes

Called Meeting To Order: Al Fehrmann called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M. on Saturday May 12th, 2012. Present: Al Fehrmann-President, Sarah Bregant-new County Supervisor, Sue Agen-Village President, Vicki Bradford-Treasurer and Linda Plennes-Secretary.

Read/Approve Minutes: Linda Plennes read the minutes of the last meeting dated January 28th, 2012. No corrections noted, a motion to accept the minutes was made by Jim Dixon and Robert Wielepski 2nd the motion. The minutes were accepted as read.

Treasurers Report: Vicki Bradford handed out the Budget-Calendar Year 2012. Vicki referenced the negative difference in the Herbicide Application/Fee category; this is a direct result of receiving the grant. We did a whole lake treatment this year; this cost was not budgeted for. The cost to do a whole lake treatment was \$21,042.00 we pay the money out first and then we apply for its return quarterly. By this process it looks like we are in the negative or over budget by \$8, 4145.68. Vicki explained the budget figures in detail. She stated that she will request to be put on the agenda for the Village meeting so that we can again petition for the Village to make a \$4,000 contribution to the Lake District. No questions, no corrections noted, a motion to accept the Treasurers Report was made by Jim Dixon and 2nd by Robert Wielepski.

Harvester Operations Status: Jim Dixon reported the harvester is not in the water yet as we are not allowed to harvest for four (4) weeks after the lake treatment. Jim stated that he would like to see his name and contact information on our website so that anyone with feedback regarding the plant vegetation could contact Jim directly. We will request that this information be placed on our sight. Al shared with the group that we were cautioned about the native plants/ because we have treated two invasive plant species that now the native plant species could take off growing. If this happens we can harvest them BUT first we must make contact with the DNR, we need their permission to harvest the native species; they will come out and inspect the problem areas first. Please watch for problem areas and report them to Jim Dixon either by phone at 262-337-0249 or e-mail him at JCDixon_2001@yahoo.com. Jim will request that the harvester be placed in the water by June 1st. Sue Agen stated we should contact Josh ASAP as they currently are down a full timer, and Josh's schedule is getting full fast. A reminder that you can clean your own shore line but the limit is 30 feet of shore line of aquatic plant life.

Grant Project Updates: Al Fehrmann made a statement regarding grant application; it was felt by Susan Graham that it was highly unlikely that we would receive a grant if we

applied for it by the February 1st 2012 deadline, history shows most grants are given out after the August 1st deadline. Patricia Cicero's comment to this was, we have already done all the work required, why take the chance now, she recommended we proceed with our grant request due by February 1st. Much to our surprise we did not have much competition this year as in past years. Information was shared that, had we applied for the 65/35 grant we would have been approved for that grant as well. It is what it is! Our grant is the 50/50, it starts on April 1st, 2012, and so, any time volunteered should be documented as we receive credit for this time. This grant ends December 31st, 2016. The total grant received is \$173,124.80, and our share match is \$86,562.40. Al also noted that we projected a cost of approx. \$31,000 for the lake treatment; the actual cost was only \$21,000. The reinvestment cycle is quarterly; we (the Board) will meet with Patricia Cicero to walk through the steps to prepare our request, making sure that all needed and necessary documentation is completed properly. Going forward the Board will complete these requests on their own. The DNR does withhold 10% of the funds, when the 5 year term ends and all necessary documentation is accepted and approved the DNR will return the 10% to the District. The State has the right to audit any/ all of our records, receipts, etc. up to 3 years after the grant is completed. Al asked Greg Smith his opinion on the condition of the lake, Greg responded the lake looked very good, Susan and Patricia cautioned us that we could have an outbreak of algae as a result of the lake treatment and dead vegetation, Greg stated that at this point he did not see signs of algae. Greg stated that the lake clarity is still at 3 feet, this is good.

Chemical Treatment Status: Steve Schneiger was not available to comment on the status; Al stated that the cost was approx.. \$10,000 less. A question was asked: what happens to the \$10,000? The answer is we get less from the grant, and we pay less, it balances out. Al handed out the AIS Control Grant Summary with estimated and actual figures for the chemical treatment and acres treated.

Along with this grant we are required to support the Clean Boats/Clean Waters project. **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS** –Training will be provided by Patricia Cicero, our job is to communicate with and educate boaters and fishermen at the launch and shoreline fishing spots. We must make a good faith effort to support this important program. Bill and Beth Alveshire have attended this training session; they are our volunteer recruitment and coordination team. Al asked for volunteers- Jim Dixon, Al and Sharon Fehrmann have volunteered. Linda Plennes will send out an e-mail asking for volunteers. Sue Agen stated that sometimes the high school supports community events for students to receive credit; Al will contact the high school principal to get more information on this possible opportunity. Sue Agen is going to check with the police department to see if their community work program was still running. Any volunteered time must be documented, Patricia Cicero has provided us with this worksheet, and our volunteered time is a requirement of the grant.

Geese Depredation Status: Bill and Beth are out of the country, Bill provided Linda with the report. This year a total of 62 eggs were removed and 13 nests were found compared to 65 eggs and 12 nests last year 2011. We have spotted 4 families of geese floating around the lake, new families of offspring range from one to six babies, these numbers can and do change, unfortunately the turtles love these cute little furry guys. Bill was kind enough to lend Beth's services to Al, they canoed Upper Spring for eggs also, the only found one nest, and Al said it was very nice up the river, beautiful scenery and the winding river. John Omdoll stated that he had been up there many times, he really enjoyed the scenery, he also met the owners on Upper Spring Lake, and they commented that "they were surprised that more people have not been on the lake since the dam was replaced". John stated that lots of fish were jumping. Since Bill took on this project a total of 818 eggs were removed and 182 nests were found.

Open Forum: Al stated that he is in the process of writing Thank You's to those people, departments, companies etc. for their continued help, support, services etc. Linda Plennes stated that the boat launch area had been vandalized again, this time the wooden signs were broken, the metal signs were pelted with rocks and the bulletin board doors were smashed with rocks again. Linda made contact with the Jefferson Sherriff's department to file a formal complaint. The wooden signs are being replaced with metal signs, and the doors on the bulletin board will be replaced again. Sue Agen started that the new Safety Officer has changed the working hours of the police department, as a result we will have 24/7 coverage. Sue stated that Josh has been working with the DNR regarding the dams and their decorating conditions. Sue Agen was thanked for her past support as she will be resigning as Village President when she moves into the township.

Set Next Meeting Date: Al announced the next meeting date is **JULY 21ST, 2012**

10:00 A.M. VILLAGE HALL

Meeting Adjourned: Jim Dixon motioned to adjourn meeting and Robert Wieleplski 2nd motion. Meeting adjourned 11:45 A.M.

Submitted by: Linda Plennes

May 22,2012